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of an explosion, a puff of smoke and game was run to earth the smell of burnt powder.

hurled Yvonne violently to one side.

Frederic stood perfectly still for an instant, facing the soft cloud that rose from the pistol barrel, an expression of vague amazement in his face. Then his hand went uncertainly to his

Already James Brood had seen the lives! She-" red blotch that spread with incredible swiftness—blood red against the snowy white of the broad shirt bosom. Glaring with wide-open eyes at tha horrid spot, he stood there with the pistol still levelled in a petrified hand

"Good God, father, you've—why, you've—" struggled from Frederic's writhing lips, and then his knees sagged; an instant later they gave way with a rush and he dropped heavily to the floor.

There was not a sound in the room. Suddenly Brood made a movement quick and spasmodic. At the same in-



The muzzle was almost at his templ when the Hindu seized his hand in grip of iron.

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"My God!" groaned Brood. His tall body swerved forward, but his legs refused to carry him. The Hindu caught him as he was sinking limply to his knees. With a tremendous effort of the will, Brood succeeded in conquerng the black unconsciousness that was assailing him. He straightened up to his full height, and with trembling fingers pointed to the prostrate figure on the floor. "The pistol, Rantab! Where is it? Give it me! Man, man, can I live after that? I have willed my son—my own son! Quick,

"Sahib!" cried the Hindu, wringing his hands. "I cannot! I cannot!"
"I command you! The pistol!"

Without a word the Hindu, fatalist, lave, pagan that he was, turned to do is master's bidding. It was not for nim to say nay, it was not for him to oppose the will of the master, but to

All this time, Yvonne was crouching against the table, her horrified gaze upon the great red blotch that grew to an employers of labor in said discharged soldiers as employees of labor in said discharged soldiers as employees of the nat the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them as the sound of the ordinary employment residing them.

them at the sound of the explosion.
"Blood! It is blood!" she moaned

brain fumbled for the explanation of

this miracle.
"Blood!" she wailed again, a long, shuddering word that came not from her lips but from the very depths of her terror-stricken soul.

Slowly Brood's mind worked out of the maze. His shot had gone straight, but Frederic himself had leaped into its path to save this miserable crea ture who would have damned his soul if life had been spared to him Ranjab crawled to his side, his eyes

covered with one arm, the other time Brood was making sure of his aim-so sure that the lithe Hindu grasp once more the hand that held the weapon.
"Master! Master!" he cried out.

Brood turned to look at his man in sheer bewilderment. What could all this mean? What was the matter with

Down, Ranjab!" he commanded in It was all over in the fwinkling of a low, cautious tone, as he would have an eye. There was a flash, the crash used in speaking to a dog when the

There is but one bullet left, sahib." cried the man.

"Only one is required." said the mas ter hazily.

You have killed your son This let is for yourself. "Yes! Yes! But-but she

The Hindu struck nis own breast significantly. "Thy faithful servant remains, sahib. Die, if thou wilt, but leave her to Ranjab. There is but one bullet left. It is for you. You must not be here to witness the death Ranjab, thy servant, shall inflict upon her. Shoot thyself now, if so be it, but spare thyself the sight of—" He did not finish the sentence, but his strong, bony fingers went through the motion that told a more horrible story than words could have expressed. There was no mistaking his meaning. He

had elected himself her executioner. A ghastly look of comprehension flitted across Brood's face. For a second his mind slipped from one dread to another more appalling. He knew this man of his. He remembered the story of another killing in the hills of India. His gaze went from the brown fanatic's face to the white, tender, lovely throat of the woman-and a

hoarse gasp broke from his lips.
"No! No! Not that!" he cried, and as the words rang out, Yvonne removed her horrified gaze from the blot of red and fixed it upon the face of her husband. She straightened up slowly and her arms fell limply to her sides. "It was meant for me. Shoot, James!" she said, almost in a whis-

The Hindu's grasp tightened at the hand. His fingers were like steel

"Shoot!" she repeated, raising her voice. "Save yourself, for if he is dead I shall kill you with my own Brood's fingers relaxed their grip on the revolver. A fierce, wild hope took all the strength out of his body he grew faint with it

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